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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I want to take a moment to express my support for the settlement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. I believe the settlement is clearly in the public's interest and gives everyone involved a chance to move forward.

After looking over the terms of the settlement, I believe Microsoft has made significant concessions that will require major adjustments in their past practices. For example, Microsoft will provide to its competitors various interfaces that are internal to products on the Windows operating system. This provision represents a first for antitrust settlement. But Microsoft realizes that the best course is to put this case to bed and wrap up this suit.

The settlement, in my opinion, will also boost the sagging economy. It will also provide consumers with more choices, which will give them the freedom to choose non-Microsoft products if they so desire. So I hope your support of the settlement will continue without further action on the federal level.

Sincerely,

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